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REMARKS

Claims 25 and 30-33 are currently pending. All other claims have been canceled.

Claim 24 has been amended. Basis for "quaternary ammonium compound" is found at page 6, line 2. Basis for "the surfactant scavenger is the monoalkyl variant of the softener active" is found at page 17, lines 5-6. Basis for "silicone antifoam compound" is found at page 10, lines 16-17. Basis for *manual* rinsing is found at page 33, line 28 et seq.

New claims 30, 31, 32 and 33 have been added. Basis for claim 30, specifically the Suds Reduction Test, is found at page 35, line 15 et seq. Basis for claim 31, specifically the Floc Formation Test Method, is found at page 34, line 8 et seq. Basis for claim 32, specifically "polyorganosiloxane with silica particles" is found at page 10, line 33. Basis for claim 33, specifically "about 0.02% to about 5% by weight of the composition" is found at page 10, line 4.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103 OVER WO 99/57259

The claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over WO 99/57259 ("WO '259"). Applicant amends the claims to overcome the rejection.

Applicant amends the claims to direct the compositions of the present invention to a method of manual rinsing fabrics and delivering softness to the fabrics in a single step, by contacting the fabrics, previously contacted with an aqueous detergent liquor, with the fabric conditioning composition. Applicant submits that WO '259 fails to teach or suggest the invention as now claimed.

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of the now pending claims are respectfully requested.

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